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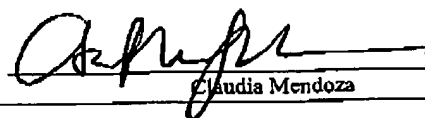
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In an Office Action dated February 10, 2006, the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement with regard to the above-identified patent application. Generally, the Examiner indicated that Claims 1-12, 15 and 16 (Group I) and Claims 13 and 14 (Group II) were distinct inventions. In addition, the Examiner stated that upon election of Group I, Applicant is required to elect a single invention: Claims 1-11 (Group A), Claim 12 (Group B), and Claims 15 and 16 (Group C). Applicant hereby elects to prosecute Claims 1-11 (Group A) in this patent application. However, Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue Claim 12 (Group B), Claims 15 and 16 (Group C), and Claims 13 and 14 (Group II) in a subsequent divisional/continuation application.

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